



On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Cabarrus County

Cabarrus County received more than \$182 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Cabarrus County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
147



Small Business Jobs:
159

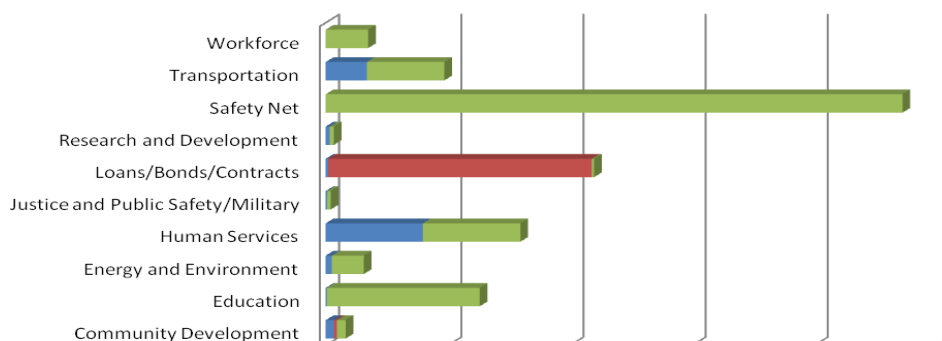


Appliances rebated:
570



Family homes financed:
38

Cabarrus County Totals



Cabarrus County,

pop 178,011 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$157,777,435.68

Loans: \$9,736,395

Bonds: \$14,637,157

Total: \$182,151,027.68



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Cabarrus County schools received \$44.6 million in education funding, including \$7 million in Special Education funds, \$3 million in Title I funds, \$17.6 million in SFSF funds, \$2 million in Race to the Top funding and a \$14.6 million bond allocation.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Cabarrus County, Cabarrus College of Health Sciences had 147 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$150,000.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Cabarrus County, 38 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$5 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Cabarrus County retailers sold 570 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Cabarrus County 23 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$4 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 159 jobs.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Cabarrus County, car dealers sold 507 cars worth more than \$11.5 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Cabarrus County, the City of Concord received a competitive JAG program grant worth more than \$250,000.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Cabarrus County, the City of Concord received a grant to fund a Brownfields project. This grant was worth \$200,000.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Cabarrus County, the Cabarrus County Government received an EECBG award of \$21,300 to replace lighting at the Concord Library and courthouse. The Cannon Memorial YMCA received a SEP grant of \$50,404 to install a solar thermal rooftop collector system to supply 2,000 gallons of hot water per day for showers and janitorial purposes. In Concord the municipal government received \$245,482 to provide for the solar panel project on the municipal parking deck, and SBM Solar received a Green Business Fund grant of \$50,000 to add a rooftop solar installation to the Friendship Trays Meals-on-Wheels facility to power lighting and other building energy needs.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Cabarrus County residents received more than \$78 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$9 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$6 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Cabarrus County received more than \$180,000 for Head Start Programs.

Cabarrus County Feature Story

Cabarrus County Provides a Beacon for State-of-the-art Health care.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contained approximately \$19 billion in funding for Health Information Technology (HIT) infrastructure. Roughly \$2 billion of this amount was programmed for state implementation of health technology and health networks, and regional programs to facilitate adoption of electronic health record technologies. The overall goal of HIT funds is to create a nationwide health information infrastructure that enables electronic health information to be recorded, shared, and used in a way that improves health.



The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) established the Beacon Community Program (BCP) to further this goal of HIT adoption. ONC's Beacon Community Program will help guide the way to a transformed healthcare system. Beacon Communities will advance new, innovative ways to improve care coordination, improve the quality of care, and slow the growth of health care spending. 17 communities were selected to participate in this program to develop secure, private, and accurate systems of electronic health record adoption and health information exchange.

Beacon Communities will focus on specific and measurable improvement goals in the three vital areas for health systems improvement: quality, cost-efficiency, and population health, to demonstrate the ability of health IT to transform local healthcare systems. The goals vary according to the needs and priorities of each community. For instance, some communities will focus on the care for chronic conditions such as asthma, heart failure, and diabetes to illustrate how costs can be reduced and patient care improved through the collection, analysis, and sharing of clinical data.

Southern Piedmont Community Care Plan, Inc, was one of the 17 communities selected in competitive, objective review process was conducted with more than 120 applications nationwide. The award was for almost \$16 million to pursue program goals over a grant period of three years. Southern Piedmont's goal will be to demonstrate how the meaningful use of health IT can support practical cost, quality, and population health improvements. Southern Piedmont is diligently working to incorporate innovations and initiatives to meet our Beacon's goals, and has already created 8 new jobs, including an executive director and a grants and contracts manager.



Southern Piedmont Community Care Plan
BEACON COMMUNITY

This program will complement nationwide efforts to increase the adoption and use of health IT. The Beacon Community Program is a capstone to a broad federal strategy to support new ways of coordinating care, and improving the patient's health while reducing costs. The program will support the design and testing of the most promising innovations by providers and community leaders at the local or regional level with support from government, universities, and the private sector, and increase health care quality, reduce unnecessary costs, and provide gains in public health in North Carolina.

Appendix, Cabarrus County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$14,637,157.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$2,138,500.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Cabarrus College Of Health Sciences	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$5,287,335.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Head Start	Cabarrus County School	P	\$87,414.00	\$87,414.00	\$0.00	
		Kannapolis City School System	P	\$92,796.00	\$92,796.00	\$0.00	
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	ARRA - Immunization	Cabarrus Public Health Interest	S	\$0.00	\$70,868.00	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$9,038,813.32		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Black & Veatch	PV	\$0.00	\$57,757.48	\$0.00	
		Cabarrus, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$21,300.00	\$0.00	
		Concord, City Of	P	\$638,800.00		\$0.00	\$638,800.00
		Kannapolis Glass & Glazing Inc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,400.00
		Kannapolis, City Of	P	\$170,300.00		\$0.00	\$170,300.00
		Pumps, Parts, & Service, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
		Stuart C Irby Co	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$130,533.98
		Temple Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$27,888.00
	Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	Cabarrus, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$1,178,122.00	\$0.00	
Department of Health and Human Services	ARRA - Health Information Technology - Beacon Communities	Southern Piedmont Community Care Plan, Inc.	P	\$15,907,622.00		\$0.00	\$15,907,622.00
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Community Development Block Grants - Entitlement	Concord, City Of	P	\$103,998.00		\$0.00	\$103,998.00

		Kannapolis, City Of	P	\$103,268.00		\$0.00	\$103,268.00
		Piedmont Asphalt	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$93,600.00
	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Cains Rapid Rooter, Inc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$281,928.60
		Concord, City Of	P	\$331,941.00		\$0.00	\$331,941.00
		Sossoman's Electric	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$26,153.47
	Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program Special Allocations (Recovery Act Funded)	Carolina Affordable Housing Inc	P	\$795,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Justice	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Cabarrus, County Of	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$62,615.00
		Concord, City Of	P	\$255,502.00		\$0.00	\$120,974.00
		Enforcement Video Lp Dbw/Watchguard Video	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$59,912.00
		Kannapolis, City Of	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$71,913.00
		Kustom Signal	SV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$51,656.00
		Motorola Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$71,913.00
			SV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$71,913.00
		Motorola Solutions	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$61,062.00
		Tdm	SV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$10,959.00
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S	\$78,760,736.38			
Employment and Training Administration	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Daniels, Marvel E J D	P	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Environmental Protection Agency	Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements	Amec Earth & Environmental, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$131,369.21
			S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$182,000.00
		Concord, City Of	P	\$200,000.00		\$0.00	\$200,000.00
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Blythe Development Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$500,000.00
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,428,891.74
		Country Boy	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

		Landscaping, Inc.				
		Ferebee Corporation	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		Mountain Creek Contractors, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$1,669,990.26
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$531,623.00		\$531,623.00
				\$1,719,300.00		\$0.00
				\$2,647,031.00		\$0.00
				\$600,000.00		\$0.00
		PB Americas, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		TGS Engineers	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
Federal Transit Administration	Federal Transit_Formula Grants	Alfred Williams	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		Architectural Signage	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		Carolina Thomas LLC	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		Concord, City Of	P	\$1,265,000.00		\$0.00
		Digital Recorders, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		SPX Corporation	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Cabarrus, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$215,654.00	\$0.00
Food and Nutrition Service	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Cabarrus County School	S	\$0.00	\$47,058.62	\$0.00
Health Resources and Services Administration	ARRA - Grants to Health Center Programs	Cabarrus Community Health Centers, Inc.	P	\$377,820.00		\$0.00
				\$160,532.00		\$0.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Concord, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$245,482.00	\$0.00
National Institutes of Health	Trans-NIH Recovery Act Research Support	University Of North Carolina At Greensboro	P	\$129,563.00		\$0.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education for Homeless Children and Youth, Recovery Act	Kannapolis City Schools Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$28,042.00	\$0.00
	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Cabarrus County School	S	\$0.00	\$51,979.00	\$0.00
		Kannapolis City Schools Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,848,937.70	\$0.00

	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Cabarrus County School	S	\$0.00	\$14,498,803.00	\$0.00
		Carolina International School	S	\$0.00	\$255,144.00	\$0.00
		Kannapolis City Schools Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$2,857,830.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Cabarrus County School	S	\$0.00	\$1,374,132.00	\$0.00
		Kannapolis City Schools Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$566,257.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Cabarrus County School	S	\$0.00	\$2,248,824.00	\$0.00
		Kannapolis City Schools Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$825,941.00	\$0.00
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Cabarrus County School	S	\$0.00	\$226,291.00	\$0.00
		Kannapolis City Schools Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$44,396.00	\$0.00
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Cabarrus County School	S	\$0.00	\$5,748,590.18	\$0.00
		Carolina International School	S	\$0.00	\$75,867.00	\$0.00
		Kannapolis City Schools Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,129,164.00	\$0.00
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants	Flowers Store Road Volunteer Fire Department Inc	P	\$0.00	\$497,500.00	\$497,500.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	B W Larrimore, Inc.	L			\$25,000.00
		Candace A. Cole, Dds, Pa	L			\$950,000.00
		Copper Works, Inc.	L			\$50,000.00
		Crutchfield Group, Ltd (The)	L			\$290,000.00
		Dickerson, LLC	L			\$10,000.00

		DJG Investigative Services, In	L				\$30,000.00
		Elite Cheer & Tumble Preschool	L				\$540,000.00
		F. William Powers P.A.	L				\$857,200.00
		H. V. Industries, Inc.	L				\$73,000.00
		J & L Townsend, Llc	L				\$327,000.00
		Jamieson Marketing, LLC	L				\$30,000.00
		JCB & Associates	L				\$15,000.00
		Larry Wayne Pendergrass Inc.	L				\$25,000.00
		Lorenz Architecture	L				\$64,000.00
		Mc Family Medical, PLLC	L				\$35,000.00
		Modern Eye Care O.D., P.A.	L				\$156,900.00
		Phillip & Rhonda Gattton Db a Ha	L				\$100,000.00
		Quality Automotive Services, I	L				\$12,500.00
		Rock Ridge Xpress, Inc.	L				\$25,000.00
		Sabrina A. Ziegler	L				\$276,000.00
		Three Way Plumbing Services, I	L				\$35,000.00
		Venezia Inc	L				\$25,000.00
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$6,655,750.00		
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - civil program financing only	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Superior Industrial Maintenance Company	P	\$384,788.00	\$384,788.00	\$0.00	
Grand Total				\$26,504,698.00	\$131,272,737.68	\$24,373,592.00	\$32,161,956.71

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.